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## Library Receives Grant for First Phase of Washingtoniana II On Architecture, Design, and Engineering Items

The Library of Congress has received a grant from The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation to support the first phase of the production of a publication, *Washingtoniana II, A Guide to the Architecture, Design and Engineering Collections of the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Area in the Prints and Photographs Division of the Library of Congress.*

There are approximately 40,000 architectural drawings in the Library's Prints and Photographs Division which relate to projects, planning, and construction in the Capital region. During the first phase of this research project, these drawings will be studied, labeled, encapsulated, and reviewed for conservation needs, and a descriptive inventory prepared.

A staff consisting of a project director, a cataloger, and two library technicians will be hired for this project. An illustrated guide is projected for the future.

The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation is a private organization which funds projects of interest to the District of Columbia. During the years 1983–85 the foundation funded *Washingtoniana I,* a project devoted to creating a guide to photographs in the collections of the Prints and Photographs Division relating to this city.

The Prints and Photographs Division contains more than 12 million architectural drawings, photographs, prints, posters, and other visual materials relating to the United States and abroad, acquired primarily through gifts and copyright deposit. Visual documentation of Washington, D.C., is one of the most frequently requested subjects by Library patrons.

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## Network Advisory Committee Agrees on A Common Vision of Networking

The Library of Congress Network Advisory Committee (NAC) was established in 1976 to advise The Librarian of Congress on the role of the Library in networking. Since that time, NAC has been concerned with many issues related to nationwide information networking.

In order to provide assistance to the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) in revising the networking section of its 1975 program document, *Toward a National Program for Library and Information Services: Goals for Action,* NAC focused its May 1985 program session on the identification of today's key issues. The session led to continued deliberations at the December 1985 meeting where it was considered useful at that time to articulate a common vision statement and a plan of action to work toward this vision. Speakers representing the bibliographic utilities, national and state libraries, regional networks, the private sector, and local systems described their concept of the evolving nationwide network and the roles of their organizations in this network.

The third meeting, July 1986, focused on the major areas of concern resulting from the previous deliberations, i.e., linking, both technical and non-technical; standards; education, within and outside the information community; public policy, including issues such as equal access, copyright, public/private interaction; and the economics of networking—funding, productivity, benefits.

The fourth and final meeting, December 1986, resulted in an action agenda comprising a number of tasks to be undertaken by the NAC members them-

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Bruce Tapper, Editor

## Franklin Jameson Papers Project Is Awarded Foundation Grants

The J. Franklin Jameson Papers, a project sponsored by the American Historical Association, the National Archives, and the Library of Congress, and located

*Frank Burke (extreme right), Acting Archivist of the United States, discusses J. Franklin Jameson's role in creating the National Archives, at a ceremony in Dr. Burke's office marking the award of a grant from the National Home Library Foundation to the American Historical Association to support the publication of a selective edition of Jameson's papers. From left: Morey Rothberg, editor, J. Franklin Jameson Papers; Samuel Gammon, executive director, AHA; Charles Dobbins, executive director, National Home Library Foundation; Jacqueline Goggin, editor, J. Franklin Jameson Papers; and John Broderick, assistant librarian for research services, Library of Congress. On the wall is a portrait of Waldo Leland, Jameson's close associate and a distinguished archivist. (Photo courtesy of National Archives)*

in the Manuscript Division at the Library, has received grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Home Library Foundation, and The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation. The project is also supported by annual grants from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

The project's editors, Jacqueline Goggin and Morey Rothberg, are preparing a multi-volume selective edition of Jameson's writings and correspondence, to be published by the University of Georgia Press. J. Franklin Jameson (1859–1937) was one of the most significant figures in the development of the historical profession in America, contributing importantly to the creation of the National Archives, and serving concurrently as chief of the Division of Manuscripts and first incumbent of the William Evarts Benjamin Chair in American History in the Library of Congress

between1928 and 1937. The editors hope to go to press with the first volume of the edition late in 1987.

## Sixth ASCOBIC Conference Is Held in Nairobi, Kenya

The sixth meeting of the African Standing Conference on Bibliographic Control (ASCOBIC) was held in Nairobi, Kenya, December 1–5. Supported by

*Participants in the 1986 ASCOBIC Conference in Nairobi, Kenya.*

Unesco and locally hosted by the Kenya National Library Services, the conference was attended by representatives from the national libraries or other national bibliographic agencies from Burundi, Gambia, Kenya, Madagascar, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, and Zimbabwe, as well as representatives from Unesco and the ASCOBIC executive secretary, M. Salion Mbaye. Representatives of several other ASCOBIC members were unable to attend for logistical reasons.

Country reports, on the progress of bibliographic control in member states, were presented by those attending, as was a report by A. Olu Olafioye, the editor of ASCOBIC's journal, *Afribiblios*.

A Unesco consultant, Dr. Walter Koch, discussed computerized aspects of bibliographic control, and Theophilus Mlaki, from the Tanzania Library Service, emphasized the importance of the application of international standards to library and documentation work.

ASCOBIC's secretariat is located at the Archives du Senegal, Immeuble Administratif, Ave. Roume, Dakar, Senegal.

—James C. Armstrong

## Library Issues Update No. 14 to *MARC Formats for Bibliographic Data*

Update No. 14 to the *MARC Formats for Bibliographic Data* (*MFBD*) is now available. This update mainly consists of changes to the bibliographic format resulting from proposals which were considered by the American Library Association's RTSD/LITA/RASD Committee on Representation in Machine-Readable Form of Bibliographic Information (MARBI) at its June 1986 meetings. The changes include the addition of two new codes to 008 Nature of Contents Code/Nature of Entire Work Code elements for books and serials, adjustments to codes in Leader/18 (Descriptive Cataloging Form), the addition of new codes to three source code lists, and other adjustments.

Updates No. 10 through 14 constitute a complete up-to-date *MFBD*. All the updates are for sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20541. Update No. 14 sells for $10, Update No. 10, the basic *MFBD*, sells for $75; Update No. 11 for $10; Update No. 12 for $15; and Update No. 13 for $15.

## Briefly Noted

The sixth PEN Syndicated Fiction Project is now accepting short fiction for competition and possible nationwide newspaper syndication. A panel of distinguished writers selects winning stories that are then sent to participating newspapers which publish the stories they find most appropriate for their readers. Nearly 11 million readers have access to stories provided by the project. Winners are paid $250 for each story and $150 each time a story is published. Applicants may enter one or more unpublished short stories, with a total word count of no more than 3,000 words, during the month of January only, in typed, double-spaced manuscript, submitted in duplicate. Enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope for manuscript return. Winners will be announced in *Writer's Digest*. Mail entries to: PEN Syndicated Fiction Project (WD), Box 6303, Washington, DC, 20015. For more information, call (301) 656–7484.

One of the stories recently read at the Library of Congress as a PEN short story award winner will be featured in a new series on National Public Radio, called "The Sound of Writing." The story, *Dispersal*, by Will Weaver, is one of the stories by American authors which will be presented on Monday nights at 11 p.m. beginning January 5.

The "Sound of Writing" project, funded primarily by the North Carolina Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, and National Public Radio stations, may be aired by various stations at different

times. Call your local NPR affiliate for broadcast times in your area.

## Hard-to-Fill Vacancy: Russian Cataloger

The Library of Congress has an immediate opening for a descriptive cataloger skilled in reading Russian and one of the following languages: Albanian, Bulgarian, or Georgian. The master's degree in library science or comparable library experience in cataloging is required.

The position has promotion potential to the GS-12 grade level ($21,804–$28,347). Interested candidates should submit a Standard Form 171, Application for Federal Employment, to: Library of Congress, Employment Office, Room LM 107, Washington, DC 20540, Vacancy Announcement 60677. Application forms and copies of the vacancy announcement may be obtained by calling (202) 287-5620. The Library of Congress is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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selves and NAC member organizations in order to work toward the NAC agreed upon common vision. This common vision statement is presented below in its entirety.

> A common vision of networking and shared operational objectives is both possible and desirable. However, the diversity among libraries and other information providers and the variety of economic and political factors influencing them is so great as to make impractical a monolithic nationwide network. To promote the concept of "The Nation's Library" as the aggregate of all available information resources and to bind present and future efforts together in principle and philosophy, the Library of Congress Network Advisory Committee recommends the following statement as a common vision of networking:
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> > Our common vision of networking is an environment in which libraries can provide each individual in the United States with equal opportunity of access to resources that will satisfy their and society's information needs and interests. All users should have access on a timely basis to the information they require without being faced with costs beyond their own or society's means.
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> > To realize this vision, there must be technical and intellectual sharing of resources between the public and private sectors; local, state, and Federal governments must fulfill their various responsibilities to individuals and society; and the diverse missions of the several types of libraries must be accommodated. As this vision becomes a reality, there will emerge a diverse but coordinated structure of networks rather than a monolithic one. Active research, rapidly developing technology, collaborative leadership, common standards, and shared communications will provide means by which the system will be further shaped as an interlocking series of local, state, regional, national and international relationships that are capable of serving the nation's information needs.

The results of the May and December 1985 NAC meetings have been published and are available in the Network Planning Paper series, nos. 12 and 13. Proceedings of the July and December 1986 meetings will be issued in the same series as Network Planning Paper no. 15, early next year. The Customer Services Section of the Cataloging Distribution Service, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20541, has all of these publications for sale.

## Items on Architecture and Artifacts In Missouri and Mississippi Valley Are Donated to the Library

A ceremony marking the presentation of a collection of 8,000 photographs and documents relating to historic buildings and artifacts in the state of Missouri and the Mississippi Valley was held at the Library of Congress on October 29.

The collection is the work of Charles van Ravenswaay, author of the American Guide Series volume, *Missouri* (1941); photographer Alexander Piaget, and later, his brothers Carlos and Paul. Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin, Mr. van Ravenswaay, and Clare Piaget, niece of the photographers, were on hand for the ceremony.

Work on the collections began in 1931, when Mr. van Ravenswaay recognized the need to document the vanishing buildings and artifacts of the early American frontier. It is estimated that more than 80 percent of the sites represented in the collection have been destroyed or substantially altered during the past 50 years.

The donation will be added to the Library's Prints and Photographs Division; 1,694 of the photographs, representing 642 buildings and sites, have been preserved by the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) and will become part of that collection in the Library of Congress.

Instituted in 1933, HABS is organized under an agreement with the National Park Service, the American Institute of Architects, and the Library of Congress and includes more than 200,000 records of historic structures in the United States.

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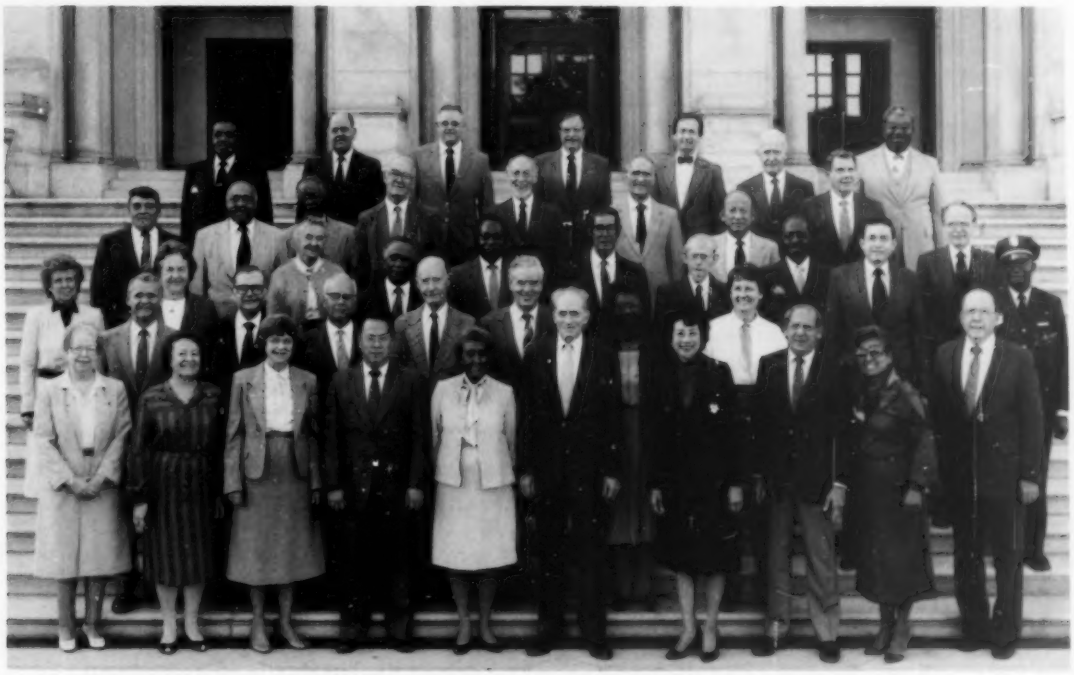
## Library Honors Employees with More Than 35 Years Federal Service



The following members of the Library's staff with 35 years or more of Federal service gathered for this picture on October 7:

From left to right, top to bottom: Joseph Brooks, Library Support Services Division, Mgmt; Edmond Cahalane, Descriptive Cataloging Division, Proc; Dale Hutchinson, Deposits and Acquisitions Division, Cop; James Bowman, Descriptive Cataloging Division, Proc; Richard Pinning, Cataloging Distribution Service, Proc; Albert Simpson, Central Services Division, Mgmt; James Pipkin, Central Services Division, Mgmt; Robert Carneal, Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound Division, Res; Key Yang, Asian Division, Res; George Perreault, Cataloging Distribution Service, Proc; Richard Stephenson, Geography and Map Division, Res; Alfred Hagle, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, AL/NP; Samuel Douglas, Central Services Division, Mgmt; Donald Middleton, Cataloging Distribution Service, Proc; Emmett Trainor, Collections Management Division, Res; Warren Donnelly, Office of Senior Specialists, CRS; Norman Lamb, Science and Technology Division, Res; James B. Simms, General Reading Rooms Division, Res; Allan Ledwith, Serial Division, Res; Charles Edwards, Library Support Services Division, Mgmt; Lawrence Robinson, Preservation Office, Res; William Underdue, Preservation Office, Res; Mary Ellis Kahler, Hispanic Division, Res; Robert Schaaf, Serial Division, Res; Emma Montgomery, Collections Development Office, Office of The Librarian; Manuel Garner, Library Support Services Division, Mgmt; Robert Sullivan, Acquisitions and Overseas Operations, Proc; Mary Vass, Manuscript Division, Res; Evelyn Workman, MARC Editorial Division, Proc; Gregory New, Decimal Classification Division, Proc; John Health, Photoduplication Service, Mgmt; Donald Wisdom, Serial Division, Res; Francis Marsden, Cataloging Distribution Service, Proc; E. Audrey Kidwell, Information and

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Reference Division, Cop, Esther Smith, MARC Editorial Division, Proc; Donald Allain, Automated Systems Office, Mgmt; Mae Yaplee, Area Studies, Res; William J. Welsh, The Deputy Librarian of Congress; Patricia Hines, Special Materials Cataloging Division, Proc; Tin Shue Chin, Collections Management Division, Res; Ellen Collier, Foreign Affairs and National Defense Division, CRS; Janina Hoskins, European Division, Res; Nicoletta Marketos, Special Materials Cataloging Division, Proc.

## Herbert Becker Discusses Future ASO Plans with Online Users Group

Herbert Becker, director of the Automated Systems Office (ASO), spoke to the Online Users Group on October 28 about ASO plans for the 1987 fiscal year. He reviewed some of the 55 major projects currently being worked on in ASO. These projects will provide easier online file input and searching, increase the availability of bibliographic records, support Library operations and administrative functions, support the 100th Congress and the Copyright Office, improve the Computer Services facility, and involve cooperation with other library agencies and organizations.

Projects that will provide easier online file input and searching include: the HELP facility which allows user departments to write HELP screens; the FETCH command which will provide the benefits of the Book Paging System to Library staff searching under MUMS or SCORPIO; and a Data Entry facility which will replace the outmoded ATS terminals currently used in the Issue Brief application.

Online bibliographic record availability will be increased by the Manuscripts Project which will make manuscript records available through MUMS, and a new project which will make Machine-Readable Data Files records available online. The current Automated Process Information File will be replaced by APIF2, which will be compatible with other Processing Department bibliographic systems, and allow ASO to delete approximately 200 obsolete programs.

Library operations are receiving support from the Circulation Control (Release 1) Project, which will allow the Loan Division to replace the current OCLC time-share application. Specifications will be developed for a new integrated acquisitions system to replace the current LOIS system. Specifications are also being prepared for a Serials Management System (Release 1).

Administrative operations of the Library will benefit from improvements to the Financial Accounting and Reporting System. ASO is also anticipating work on a new Retirement System once definitive information is received from the Office of Personnel Management.

Bill Digest and Congressional Record Systems are being developed for the 100th Congress. Enhancements will provide better tracking of legislation and expanded use of word proximity in searching.

Projects in support of the Copyright Office include an upgrade of the Deposit Account System of the Copyright Office In-process System (COINS), which will provide improved retrieval capability, and a redesign of the COINS archive for more efficient clearing of records on the COINS database when records are cataloged on the COPICS database.

Computer service capabilities are being upgraded with the installation of CICS 1.7, a new version of the mainframe telecommunications system, transparent to the user but necessary for efficient computer operations. Mr. Becker indicated that the installation of this important software may temporarily delay development of other projects. The security of the computer system is being increased with the installation of the second phase of the Access Control facility. Old Data General minicomputers are being replaced by Data General MV10000's, which will be faster and more reliable. Capacity management and reliability improvement projects are also under way to determine how many systems the computer can handle before it becomes overloaded. New hardware, including double density disk drives and 3480 tape cartidges, is being installed. These are smaller, more reliable, and more durable than older types of equipment.

The Engineering Planning and Development Office is planning for the Library's own telecommunications system. An integrated voice/data digital switching system will provide an electronic means of interconnecting all of the Library's telephones, data terminals, and computer systems. A premise distribution system to provide a combination of copper wire and fiber optic cable throughout the Library is also being worked on in cooperation with the renovation of the Jefferson and Adams Buildings (see *Staff News,* November 17).

ASO is also continuing to evaluate and test new commercially available software as it becomes available, in order to determine its applicability to Library needs. Cooperation with other libraries is also continuing, particularly through the Linked Systems Project.

Mr. Becker described the computer operations and maintenance functions that are carried out by ASO. While these functions are not very visible unless there

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is a problem, they are essential to continued operations, and use a large percentage of ASO resources. He also stressed the importance of a structured methodology in developing and maintaining systems that are as complex and interrelated as the Library's systems.

Mr. Becker summarized the rationale for the Strategic Information Systems Planning Project to be undertaken by the Library during fiscal year 1987. Because of the importance of data as an organizational resource, and the costs and demands for automation in general, organizations need to plan their automation activities from the top down. This especially applies to the Library of Congress because it is a data-intensive organization—and automation supports, or could support, most functions within the Library. A Library-wide strategic information systems plan will give ASO a framework in which to plan, develop, and operate the Library's automation systems.

## Open House Planned at Capitol Hill Hospital Child Care Center

The Women's Program Office is sponsoring an open house at the Capitol Hill Hospital Child Care Center on Thursday, January 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Staff members who are interested in enrolling their children in the center may attend with advance permission from their supervisors. Connie Daniel, director of the Capitol Hill Hospital Child Care Center, and her staff will conduct a tour of the facility which will take approximately one hour. Shuttle service will be provided from the Library's Madison Building to the hospital at 700 Constitution Avenue, N.E., starting at 9:30 a.m.

Those staff members who are planning to attend the open house must reserve a tour time (indicated by the departure time for the shuttle) either at the child care program on January 15, or in the Women's Program Office, Room LM 603, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. from Friday, January 16, through Wednesday, January 21. Registration will be for a specific time period, allocated on a first-come basis.

## Personnel Changes

**Appointments:** Eugene E. Berry, Jr., copyright examiner, GS-9, Cop Exam; Jane M. Cawley, library technician, GS-5, CRS C; Charles Cronin, copyright examiner, GS-9, Cop Exam; Joseph N. Dailey, head, inventory management section, GS-12, NLS/BPH; Theresa L. Lehto, senior specialist secretary, GS-5, CRS S; Ruth J. Nussbaum, librarian, GS-9, NLS/BPH; Elizabeth A. Park, research analyst, GS-5, FRD; Milton D. Pettus, clerk, GS-4, CRS C; David N. Pienkowski, programer, GS-11, ASO; Joseph D. Radanovic, systems analyst, GS-13, ASO; Sheppard Ranbam, writer-editor, GS-9, CM&P; Thomas N. Tyree, facility manager, GS-9, Bldgs; Renee J. Witon, senior library technician, GS-8, NLS/BPH; Barry Zulauf, research analyst, GS-7, FRD.

**Temporary Appointments:** Harriett R. Blood, illustrator, GS-11, FRD; Nancy Eichacker, planning assistant, GS-13, Plan & Dev; Stephen L. Grad, narrator, WAE, NLS/BPH; Cooper C. Graham, reference librarian, GS-9, M/B/RS; Dorothy A. Hirsch, deck attendant, GS-3, Col Mgmt; Johnnie Edward Long, deck attendant, GS-3, Col Mgmt; Dorinne E. McKay, deck attendant, GS-3, Col Mgmt; Valerie R. Pritchett, clerk, GS-2, Cop Rec & Proc; Stephanie E. Redfearn, clerk, GS-2, Cop Rec & Proc; Tamara E. Ward, deck attendant, GS-3, Col Mgmt; Tonya Tyler, library aid, GS-1, Proc.

**Promotions:** Jeffery D. Anderson, library aid, GS-2, CRS C; Darlene Foster, library technician, GS-4, Desc Cat; Consuella E. Hardy, senior cataloging technician, GS-9, CRS L; Laura J. Lachin, clerk, GS-4, CRS C; Randy R. Moffitt, information resources assistant, GS-6, CRS L; Derrick Sanders, information resources assistant, GS-6, CRS L; Susan M. Schillmoeller, senior reference assistant, GS-9, CRS EPW; Anne C. Stewart, analyst in social legislation, GS-11, CRS EPW.

**Resignation:** Hedi Benaicha, Ser Rec.

## Meetings and Events Around the Library

**Tuesday, January 27**
☐Special Interest Group on American Studies/Special Collections. William P. Tuchrello, Asian Division, will discuss nonbook materials from Southeast Asia. Room LM 642, 12:10 p.m. **For members and staff.**

**Wednesday, January 28**
☐Sinfonietta Series, The U.S. Air Force Band. Coolidge Auditorium, 8 p.m. No tickets required.

**Tuesday, February 3**
☐Special Interest Group on Library Science. Bill Sittig, Collections Development Office, will speak on the Collections Development Office. Room LM 642, 12:10 p.m. **For members and staff.**

**Wednesday, February 4**
☐Gospel music performance by John Watson, Inc. Affirmative Action Office. Coolidge Auditorium, 10 a.m. No tickets required.

**Saturday, February 7**
☐Andres Diaz, celebrated violoncellist, with Heng Jin Park, pianist. Coolidge Auditorium, 5:30 p.m. No tickets required.

**Events are open to the public unless otherwise specified.**

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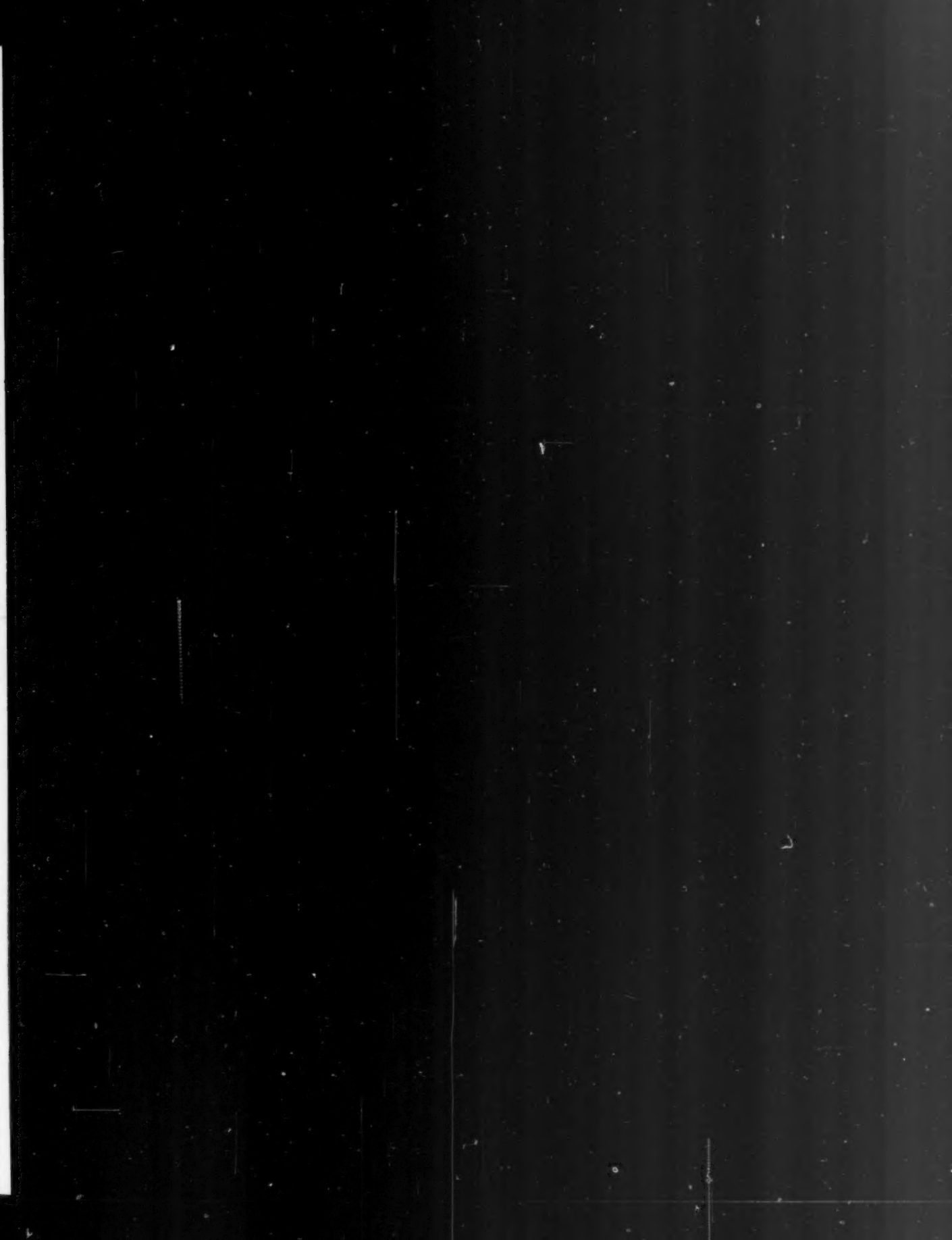
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